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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Paula Allen-Meares  
4 on her selection as the next chancellor of the University of  
5 Illinois at Chicago (UIC); and

6           WHEREAS, Paula Allen-Meares, dean of the nationally  
7 top-ranked school of social work at the University of Michigan,  
8 has been selected as the next chancellor of UIC; the chancellor  
9 serves as the executive officer of the UIC campus and reports  
10 to the president of the University of Illinois; she would take  
11 office effective January 16, 2009, and would assume the helm of  
12 a UIC campus that ranks 47th nationally in federally funded  
13 research, enrolls 25,000 undergraduate, graduate and  
14 professional students, employs 12,000 faculty and staff, and  
15 operates with a total annual budget of about \$1.7 billion; and

16           WHEREAS, Paula Allen-Meares is a high-aspiration,  
17 high-achieving leader who for 15 years has kept a professional  
18 school of a leading university at the very top of the national  
19 rankings; the search committee described her as a role model  
20 for the UIC community, an academic leader, and highly  
21 productive scholar who is personally involved in vital areas of  
22 improving peoples' lives; and

1           WHEREAS, Paula Allen-Meares has been dean of the school of  
2 social work at the University of Michigan since 1993 and is the  
3 Norma Radin Collegiate Professor of Social Work as well as a  
4 professor of education at the university; prior to joining the  
5 University of Michigan, she was a professor and dean of the  
6 school of social work at the University of Illinois at  
7 Urbana-Champaign, where she received her master's and Ph.D.  
8 degrees; her bachelor's degree was earned at the State  
9 University of New York at Buffalo; and

10           WHEREAS, In addition to the UIC chancellorship, she will  
11 hold faculty appointments in social work and education at the  
12 UIC and Urbana campuses; her academic career has been  
13 distinguished during the nearly four decades since she first  
14 enrolled in the master's of social work program on the U. of I.  
15 Urbana-Champaign campus, where she rose between 1970 and 1993  
16 from graduate student and teaching assistant in the school of  
17 social work to professor and dean of the school; and

18           WHEREAS, Her interest and expertise focus on social work as  
19 it relates to educational settings and adolescents; in addition  
20 to her administrative experience as a dean at Michigan and  
21 Illinois, Allen-Meares has conducted extensive research in her  
22 field and her findings have been widely published; and

23           WHEREAS, She is a member of the Institute of Medicine of

1 the National Academies and is a trustee of the New York Academy  
2 of Medicine; at Michigan's school of social work, she is  
3 principal investigator of the Global Program on Youth, an  
4 initiative supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and the  
5 principal investigator of the Skillman Good Neighborhoods  
6 Grant and the National Institute of Mental Health's Social Work  
7 Research Center on Poverty, Risk and Mental Health; therefore,  
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 congratulate Paula Allen-Meares on her appointment and look  
12 forward to the great things she will accomplish as chancellor  
13 of the University of Illinois at Chicago; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Paula Allen-Meares as a symbol of our respect.